

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An auxiliary electronic card, comprising

a card base member formed of a first material, the card base member having at least one electronic device mounted thereon, the card base member having a plurality of
5 electrical edge contacts formed along an edge of a top surface of the card base member, the electrical edge contacts defining a horizontal plane with respective upper surfaces of the electrical edge contacts; and

an edge shield member mounted at a vertical surface of the card base member at said edge of the card base member, the edge shield member having a substantially
10 horizontal upward-facing surface at an elevation that is no lower than the horizontal plane defined by the upper surfaces of the electrical edge contacts, the edge shield member being formed of a second material that has a coefficient of friction that is lower than a coefficient of friction of the first material.
2. The electronic card of claim 1, wherein the edge shield member has an inclined
15 surface that is inclined downwardly and away from an outer edge of said substantially horizontal upward-facing surface of said edge shield member.
3. The electronic card of claim 1, wherein the second material includes at least one of silicone-filled ABS and PTFE-filled nylon.
4. The electronic card of claim 1, wherein the edge shield member is part of a card
20 frame which includes a first vertical wall, a second vertical wall extending parallel to the first vertical wall and a top wall extending horizontally above the edge shield member and extending between the first and second vertical walls.

5. The electronic card of claim 4, wherein the card frame includes a third vertical wall located inwardly from the edge shield member and extending perpendicular to the first and second vertical walls.
6. A connector comprising:
- 5 a plurality of electrical edge contacts disposed along an edge of a substrate, the electrical edge contacts having upper surfaces that define a horizontal plane; and
- a frame member which defines a space above the edge contacts, the frame member including an edge shield member positioned at said edge of the substrate and having a substantially horizontal upward-facing surface at an elevation that is no lower
- 10 than the horizontal plane defined by the upper surfaces of the electrical edge contacts.
7. The connector of claim 6, wherein the edge shield member has an inclined surface that is inclined downwardly and away from an outer edge of said substantially horizontal upward-facing surface of said edge shield member.
8. The connector of claim 6, wherein the frame member includes at least one of silicone-
- 15 filled ABS and PTFE-filled nylon.
9. The connector of claim 6, wherein the frame member includes a first vertical wall, a second vertical wall extending parallel to the first vertical wall and a top wall extending horizontally above the edge shield member and extending between the first and second vertical walls.

10. The connector of claim 9, wherein the frame member includes a third vertical wall located inwardly from the edge shield member and extending perpendicular to the first and second vertical walls.

11. A system comprising:

5 a host electronic device which includes a receptacle that has at least one contact beam; and

 an auxiliary card received in the receptacle, the auxiliary card including:

 a card base member formed of a first material, the card base member having at least one electrical edge contact formed thereon, the at least one electrical edge
10 contact being in contact with said at least one contact beam of the host electronic device, the at least one electrical edge contact having at least one upper surface to define a horizontal plane; and

 an edge shield member mounted at a vertical surface of the card base member adjacent said at least one electrical edge contact, the edge shield member having
15 a substantially horizontal upward-facing surface at an elevation that is no lower than the horizontal plane defined by the at least one upper surface of the at least one electrical edge contact, the edge shield member being formed of a second material that has a coefficient of friction that is lower than a coefficient of friction of the first material.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the edge shield member has an inclined surface that
20 is inclined downwardly and away from an outer edge of said substantially horizontal upward-facing surface of said edge shield member.

13. The system of claim 11, wherein the edge shield member includes at least one of silicone-filled ABS and PTFE-filled nylon.

14. The system of claim 11, wherein the edge shield member is part of a card frame which includes a first vertical wall, a second vertical wall extending parallel to the first vertical wall and a top wall extending horizontally above the edge shield member and extending between the first and second vertical walls.
- 5 15. The system of claim 14, wherein the card frame includes a third vertical wall located inwardly from the edge shield member and extending perpendicular to the first and second vertical walls.
16. The system of claim 11, wherein the host electronic device is a personal computer.